

the unicorn³, pride and wrath would confound thee, and make thine own self the conquest of thy fury: wert thou a bear, thou would'st be killed by the horse; wert thou a horse, thou would'st be seized by the leopard; wert thou a leopard, thou wert german to the lion⁴, and the spots of thy kindred were jurors on thy life : all thy safety were remotion⁵; and thy defence, absence. What beast could'st thou be, that were not subject to a beast ? and what a beast art -thou already, that seest not thy loss in tranformation ?

APEM. If thou could'st please me with speaking to me, thou might'st have hit upon it here : The commonwealth of Athens is become a forest of beasts.

TIM. How has the ass broke the wall, that thou art out of the city ?

APJEM. Yonder comes a poet, and a painter: The plague of company light upon thee ! I will fear to catch it, and give way : When I know not what else to do, I'll see thee again,

3 — the unicorn, &c.] The account given of the unicorn is this: that he and the lion being enemies by nature, as soon as the lion sees the unicorn he betakes himself to a tree: the unicorn in his fury, and with all the swiftness of his course, running at him, sticks his horn fast in the tree, and then the lion falls upon him and kills him. Gesner *Hist. Animal*.

HANMER.

See a note on Julius Caesar, vol. xii. p. 50, n. 1.

4 — thou wert german to the lion,] STEEVENS.
This seems to be an allusion to Turkish policy:

Bears,, like the Turk, no brother near the throne. Pope.

5, _ were REMOTION ;] i. e. removal from place to place.
So, in King Lear:

" 'Tis the *remotion* of the duke and her."

STEEVENS, *Remotion* means, I apprehend, not a frequent removal from place to place, but merely *remotejiess*, the being placed at a distance from the lion. See vol. ix. p. 28, n., 7. MALONE.